

# TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **Trimdon Grange Community Centre** on **Tuesday 13 October 2015** at 7:00pm.

**Present:** Councillor John Burton (in the Chair) and Councillors George Elliott, Margaret Elliott, Bernadette Oliver, Ian Quinn, Keith Thompson and Paul Trippett.

Anne Delandre (Clerk to the Council) was in attendance to record the minutes, County Councillor Peter Brookes was in attendance to report on Durham County Council issues and Sergeant Alex Clarke attended part of the meeting to present the Police Report.

## 58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Sheila Appleton, George Elliott Snr., Denise Davison, Eileen Dickinson, Margaret Hughes, and Julie Thompson.

**Resolved** that the above apologies be accepted.

## 59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## 61. POLICING IN THE PARISH

Sergeant Alex Clarke presented the Police Report for the period 9 July 2015 – 8 September 2015

### TRIMDON VILLAGE

Burglary (dwelling) – 3 incidences  
Burglary (other) – 2 incidences  
Criminal Damage – 1 incident  
Theft – 1 incident  
Other – 6 incidences

### TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

Robbery – 1 incident  
Burglary (other) – 1 incident  
Criminal Damage – 2 incidences  
Other – 11 incidences

### ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

#### TRIMDON VILLAGE

All ASB 67 incidences (up 3% on same period of 2014)  
Youth ASB 30 incidences (down 7% same period of 2014)

#### TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

ALL ASB 33 incidences (down 20% on same period of 2014)  
Youth ASB 13 incidences (down 13% on same period of 2014)

Sergeant Clarke was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

**Resolved** that the above report be noted.

## 62. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2015

It was noted that Bernadette Oliver, who was present at the meeting, had also been recorded as absent. In addition, Keith Thompson had been recorded as Ian Thompson.

**Resolved** that, with the above amendments, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 September 2015 (previously circulated) be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 63. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2015

a) The Clerk advised that the new garden seats had been ordered and are scheduled for delivery on 13 November 2015.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

b) The Clerk advised that she had been able to obtain two quotations for the replacement of the ride on mower, albeit for two different specifications.

**Resolved** that the quotation from Carrs Billington be accepted.

c) The Clerk advised that she had approached the contractor removing the bird droppings and steam cleaning the bus shelters to request if he could reduce his quotation. Following confirmation that he was unable to, confirmation was received from the Chairman that the quotations received could be accepted.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## 64. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were submitted for consideration:

DM/15/02301/FPA	Former 20 Low Dyke Street Trimdon Colliery	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2no. dwellings
DM/15/02628/FPA	Parkwood Horse Close Lane	Change of use of dwelling to care home for children (use Class C2)

The Clerk read out a letter from the Agent acting on behalf of the applicant (Cambian) in support of the above application.

DM/15/02938/FPA	18 Beckwith Drive Trimdon Village	Erection of single storey rear extension
DM/15/02971/FPA	1 Lawson Street Trimdon Colliery	Conversion of dwelling to 2no. dwellings

**Resolved** no comment be offered in respect of planning applications DM/15/02301/FPA, DM/15/02983/FPA and DM/15/02971/FPA.

In respect of planning application DM/15/02628/FPA objections be raised that there is no requirement for additional residential accommodation for children and that the location is not suitable.

The Clerk advised that planning application DM/15/00244/FPA had been refused by Durham County Council.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **65. FINANCIAL**

a) Details of expenditure requiring payment by cheque were submitted.

**Resolved** that the payments be approved.

b) The Clerk submitted the schedule of payments made between 1 September 2015 and 30 September 2015.

**Resolved** that the schedule of payments be approved.

c) The Clerk submitted the schedule of receipts received between 1 September 2015 and 30 September 2015.

**Resolved** that the schedule of receipts be approved.

d) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Instant Access Account) for the period ended 30 September 2015. This was cross referenced with the Bank Statement.

**Resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement (Instant Access Account) be approved and the Chairman sign the Bank Statement as confirmation of the balance.

e) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Current Bank Account) for the period ended 30 September 2015. This was cross referenced with the Bank Statement.

**Resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement (Current Bank Account) be approved and the Chairman sign the Bank Statement as confirmation of the balance.

## **66. CLERK'S REPORTS**

a) Notification of insurance claim to Zurich Municipal – the Clerk advised that the Parish Council has had to submit an insurance claim to Zurich Municipal following a minor incident involving the Parish Council van.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **67. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC): Notification of 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting – 24 October 2015. The Clerk notified the Council of the forthcoming event.

**Resolved** that the Parish Clerk attends the event on behalf of the Parish Council.

b) NALC Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth – 14 March 2016. The Clerk notified the Council of the forthcoming event.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

c) County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership: Code of Conduct and Standards Training. The Clerk notified the Council of the forthcoming training event.

**Resolved** that the Parish Clerk attends the training course on behalf of the Parish Council.

- d) Sedgefield Town Council: Invitation to Mayor's Charity Quiz – 23 October 2015. The Clerk notified the Council of the forthcoming event.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- e) The Safe Durham Partnership Partnership: Bonfire Strategy. The Clerk notified the Council of the Bonfire Strategy as Bonfire Night approaches.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- f) Trimdon Community College Youth Club: Letter of thanks for donation. The Clerk notified the Council of the letter of thanks received from Trimdon Community College Youth Club for the recent donation.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- g) National Association of Local Councils (LCR): Autumn 2015 Magazine. The Magazine had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- h) Trimdon Lodge Banner Association – The Clerk notified the Council of the letter of thanks from the Lodge Banner Association for the recent donation.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

#### **68. PRESENTATION BY CAROL GASKARTH, PIONEERING CARE PARTNERSHIP (PCP)**

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive, attended the meeting to advise the Council on the work of the PCP. Five members of staff are currently working out of Trimdon Grange Community Centre. The three main areas of work are:

- Health Buddy Scheme – a befriending service supporting the elderly
- Wellbeing for Life – advice for adults around such issues as walking, cookery etc.
- Employment Pit Stops x 6 – assisting young people to enter the job market

Concerns were expressed that the Health Buddy Scheme is facing a £6K shortfall in its funding and the service may have to be withdrawn.

**Agreed** Carol Gaskarth was thanks for attendance and for the presentation.

#### **69. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

- Terry Collins has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Durham County Council
- Austerity is at the top of DCC's Agenda – there is to be an increase in the charge for Care Connect (the call out service for the elderly)
- £1M will have to be removed from the budget for Youth Services – a report will be submitted to Council in December 2015
- Special Labour Group – to discuss the proposed Northern Powerhouse bringing together combined northern authorities. The proposal for an Elected Mayor for such a large area needs to be considered with caution.

- Review of primary school provision in Trimdons under way following the resignation of the Head Teacher at Trimdon Junior School. Amalgamation of schools under consideration
- Durham Lumiere (12-15 November 2015)

#### **70. COUNCILLOR MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a) Parking on Village Green – the Clerk was asked to investigate complaints of continued parking of vehicles on the village green.
- b) The Clerk was asked to place on the Agenda for the next meeting consideration of the Parish Council making a contribution towards the work of the Primary Care Partnership for the continuation of the Health Buddy Scheme